

# Film Star Now Given Prominent Place in Every Family Circle

Actors and Actresses Treated By Public as Most Intimate of Friends.

ARE ASKED FOR ADVICE

Favorites Importuned By Letter to Counsel Admirers in Many Odd Ways.

The motion picture actor and actress occupies a more intimate place in the family circle than most living people do. They are like characters in a book that has become very familiar to the reader, and they have so many thousands of readers.

It will be remembered that one of the philosophers has stated that the reason people enjoy books, so that they can construct the characters to suit themselves with the outline of description the author gives them. That means that each reader gives an individuality to a book character that is entirely his own construction, although suggested by the general idea of the author.

It is some such idea that seems to center around the personality of motion picture stars, and make them the subject of such intimate discussions in the home. The characters these stars portray on the screen give a suggestion of the sort of people they are and the imagination of the film patron—spurred on by the press agent—fills out the details.

This idea has recently struck Ormi Hawley, the former Lubin star, who has just joined the Fox forces, with particular force.

Strangers Ask Advice.

"Really, the people treat me as though I were a member of their families," declares Miss Hawley. "The letters I get from them discuss the most intimate matters. My advice is asked about the oddest things. Children write to me in great numbers and share their little joys and sorrows with me. I suppose the fact that we are so close to people on the screen and yet so far away from them personally has a lot to do with it.

"And then I suppose, also, that because so much is given the average picture patron in the photoplay, it gets beyond the stage, where a few scenes are shown and only a small slice of life can be shown. And I suppose also that the realism of the work of the screen stars has much to do with it.

"And they see us in so many different characters. The successful photoplay actress of today must, of necessity, be versatile. She must have a thorough knowledge of emotions, and be able to register them



MIRIAM BATTISTA.

Another child star recently seen in photoplays produced by the Fox Film Company.

on the screen; she must know life; she must be able to intelligently understand and sympathetically interpret all sorts of types, and she must back this up with hard work and confidence in herself.

"I am always studying other women on the street, in cars, at public gatherings, at social functions—in fact, wherever I chance to be, and I have even gone with detectives through the slums, into police courts, prisons, asylums and other places, just to watch the types there. It has all helped me wonderfully in my work.

"One of the greatest studies of all, though, is children. A child will express joy, fear, wonder and every

other emotion, with no knowledge whatsoever of the worldly mask which older people wear at different times to hide their true feelings, and I can't tell you how useful many of my little friends have been to me in this way.

"It is the variation which makes the profession so interesting to me. I have lived all sorts of lives in this wonderful make-believe world before the camera, and when I am before the camera I am really living the part for the time being. I'm unconscious of everything except the part I am playing. It's been hard work, I am sure, but I have had its rewards, and I am satisfied." G. M.

## ALEXANDRIA TO HAVE ANIMAL PROTECTION

Humane Society Is Planning to Organize Local Chapter for Organization.

ALEXANDRIA, April 18.—Alexandria is to have a humane society which is to be organized under the auspices of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. A preliminary meeting was held last night in the rooms of the chamber of commerce, which was attended by a number of persons interested in the movement.

Mrs. Virginia Puffer Mercer, the official lecturer of the parent society, who has delivered a number of talks to the school children of Alexandria during the past three or four years, made an address at last night's meeting. It was decided to hold another meeting in the near future, at which time the society will be formally organized and officers elected.

The will of Alderman J. Marriott Hill was probated this morning in the circuit court in vacation. All of the property of the deceased is left to his daughter.

## TODAY'S BEST FILMS

By GARDNER MACK.

Loew's Columbia, Twelfth and F streets—Marguerite Clark, in "Molly Make Believe," adapted from the story by Eleanor Abbott (Famous Players).

Crandall's, Ninth and E streets—Edwin August and Ormi Hawley, in "The Social Highwayman" (World Film Corp.).

Garden, 423 Ninth street—Edith Storey, in "The Two-Edged Sword" (V. L. S. E. Vitagraph).

Strand, Ninth and D streets—Florence Reed and Duncan MacLae, in "A Woman's Law" (Pathe).

Capino, F. near Seventh street—Charles Chaplin, in "Carmen," a burlesque of the story of Prosper Merimee (V. L. S. E.—Essanay).

Circle, 210 Pennsylvania avenue—E. H. Calvert and Marguerite Clayton, in "The Vultures of Society" (V. L. S. E.—Essanay).

Crandall's Apollo, 321 H street north—Robert Warwick, in "The Supreme Sacrifice" (World Film Corp.).

Crandall's Avenue Grand, 645 Pennsylvania avenue southeast—Pauline Frederick, in "Bella Donna," adapted from the story by Robert Hichens (Famous Players).

Masonic Auditorium, Thirteenth street and New York avenue—Charles Cherry, in "The Passers-by," adapted from the play by Hadden Chambers (Equitable).

Note—These selections are made from programs prepared by the managers of the theaters concerned, and no responsibility is assumed for arbitrary changes without notice to The Times. They are based on the personality of the players and the producing company, and not on personal inspection, except in special cases. G. M.

ter, Mrs. Hattie Hill Gates, who qualified as executrix.

Invitations have been sent out for the marriage of Charles William Wright, formerly of this city, and Miss Alma Edith Smith, daughter of Mrs. Arthur O. Smith. The ceremony will take place in Milwaukee May 5 and Mr. and Mrs. Wright will be at home in Highland boulevard, Milwaukee, after August 1.

An important business meeting of the board of police commissioners will be held in the station house tomorrow night.

The Rev. John L. Allison, D. D., pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, and A. G. Uhler, delegate of the congregation, left today for Baltimore to attend the sessions of the Potomac Presbytery which convenes tonight in the Maryland Avenue Presbyterian Church, Baltimore.

The presbytery includes the State of Maryland, the District, and the counties of northern Virginia contiguous to this city.

Thirty young men are taking the examinations for entrance to Annapolis at the Alexandria City postoffice. The examinations will last for three days, and those who pass will be permitted to enter the Academy in June.

Martha Washington Chapter, No. 42, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet tonight in Masonic Temple.

Funeral services for Dr. Eugene D. Supplee and his wife, Mrs. Florence Louise Gere Supplee, who were drowned in the James river, two weeks ago, were held this afternoon from Westley's undertaking establishment. Interment was in Bethel Cemetery.

The April term of the circuit court of Alexandria county, Judge J. B. T. Thornton presiding, convened yesterday.

## FRIENDS SAY T. R. WILL GO TO CHICAGO

No Reservations Yet Made, But "He Will Be Around," It Is Declared.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., April 18.—Colonel Roosevelt has made no hotel reservations at Chicago, though the Republican and Progressive conventions are but seven weeks distant, but his friends said today that it is quite likely he will be on the ground.

"Whether the colonel's name goes before the convention or not," it was stated, "he will want to be around to find out what's going on."

In spite of reports to the contrary, Roosevelt will make no stump campaign before the Chicago conventions. He feels that his views on the 1916 issue are pretty well known, and that there is nothing he can add to them.

At present he contemplates making not more than two public addresses in the West within the next two months.

The first of these speeches will be made on April 25 before the Illinois Bar Association at Chicago. Colonel Roosevelt probably will expand his plea for "Americanism" in this speech, his first important utterance in the Middle West since the Roosevelt Presidential boom got under way.

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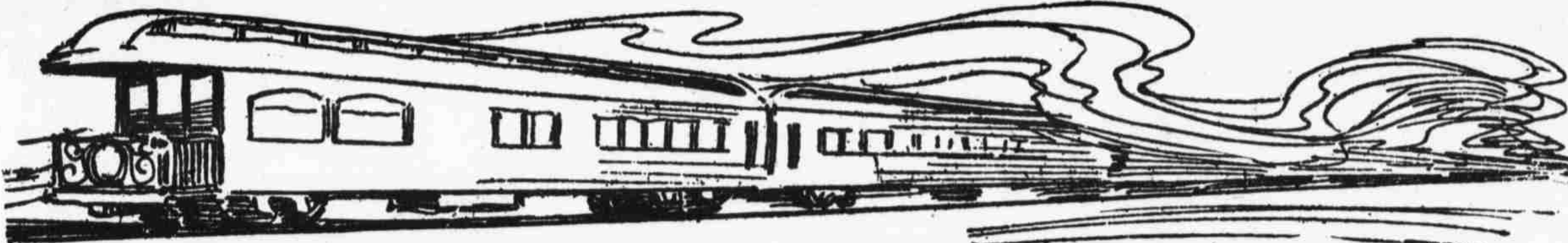
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